

CS 240E – Data Structures and Data Management (Enriched)

Module 4: Dictionaries

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Dictionary: A collection of items, each of which contains

- a *key*
- some *data* (the “value”)

and is called a *key-value pair* (KVP). Keys can be compared and are (typically) unique.

Operations:

- *search*(k) (also called *lookup*(k))
- *insert*(k, v)
- *delete*(k) (also called *remove*(k))
- optional: *successor*, *merge*, *is-empty*, *size*, etc.

Examples: symbol table, license plate database

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Easy realizations:

	<i>search</i>	<i>insert</i>	<i>delete</i>
unsorted list/array	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(1)$
sorted array	$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n)$
binary search tree	$\Theta(\text{height})$	$\Theta(\text{height})$	$\Theta(\text{height})$

Overview of balanced binary search trees

We will see numerous variants of binary search trees.

The operations then have the following run-times:

- $\Theta(\log n)$ worst-case time (**AVL-trees**)
- $\Theta(\log n)$ amortized time (**Scapegoat trees**) and no rotations.
- $\Theta(\log n)$ expected time (**Treaps**)
- $\Theta(\log n)$ expected time (**Skip lists**) and space is smaller. (It's not even a tree.)
- $\Theta(\log n)$ amortized time (**Splay trees**) and space is smaller, and can handle biased requests.

(We will see “rotations”, “amortized” and “biased requests” later.)

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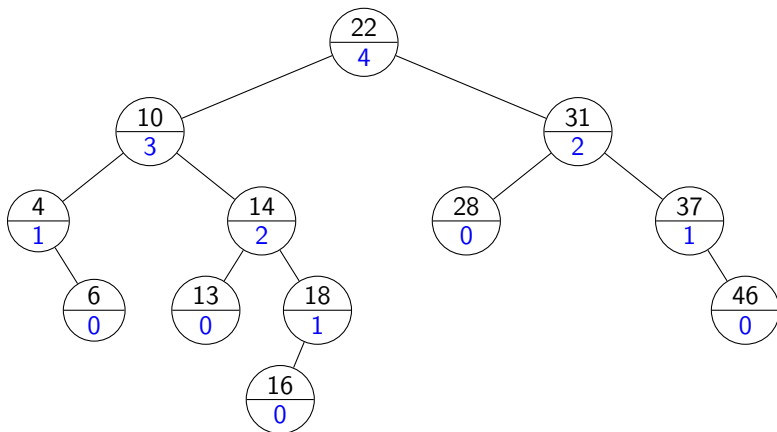
$$\text{height}(R) - \text{height}(L) \text{ must be in } \{-1, 0, 1\}$$

Things to show:

- This **structural condition** implies logarithmic height.
- After **insert** and **delete**, we can restore the structural condition within logarithmic time.
 - ▶ For this, we need to store at each node z the height of the subtree rooted at it.

AVL tree example

(The lower numbers indicate the height of the subtree.)



AVL trees: Height

Theorem: An AVL tree on n nodes has $\Theta(\log n)$ height.

$\Rightarrow$ *search*, *BST::insert*, *BST::delete* all cost $\Theta(\log n)$ in the *worst case!*

Proof:

- Define $N(h)$ to be the *least* number of nodes in a height- h AVL tree.
- What is a recurrence relation for $N(h)$?
- What does this recurrence relation resolve to?

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AVL trees: Insertion

To perform $AVL::insert(k, v)$:

- First, insert (k, v) with the usual BST insertion.
- We assume that this returns the new leaf z where the key was stored.
- Then, move up the tree from z .

(We assume for this that we have parent-links. This can be avoided if $BST::insert$ returns the full path to z .)

- Update height (easy to do in constant time):

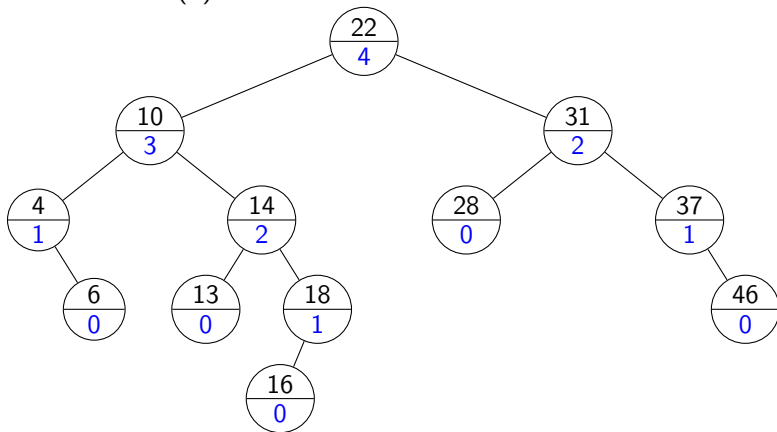
$set\text{-}height\text{-}from\text{-}subtrees(u)$

$$1. \quad u.height \leftarrow 1 + \max\{u.left.height, u.right.height\}$$

- If the height difference becomes ± 2 at node z , then z is **unbalanced**. Must re-structure the tree to rebalance.

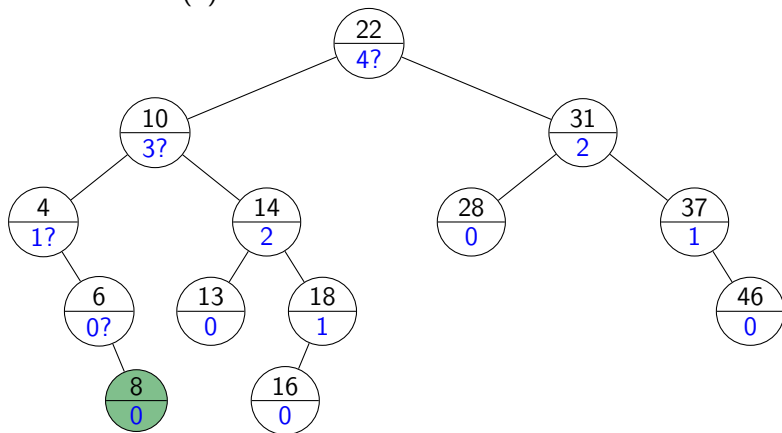
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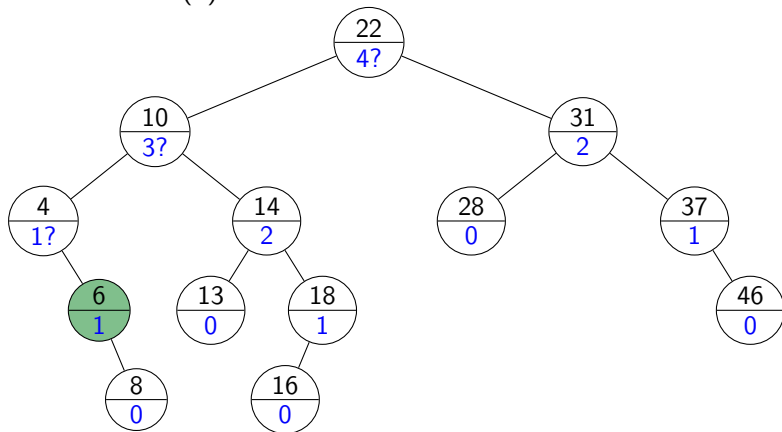
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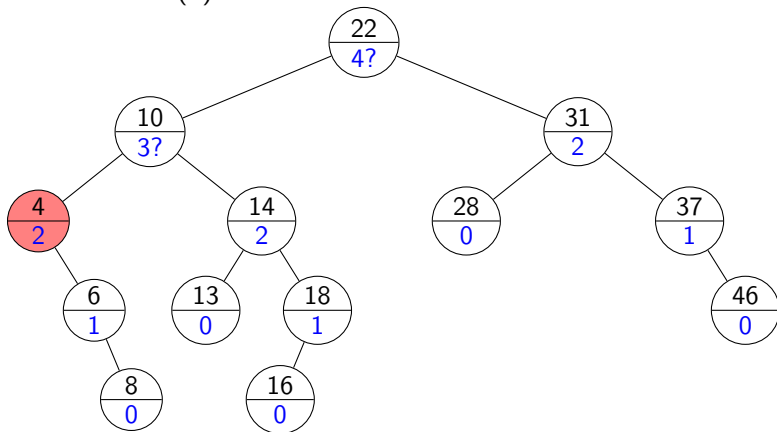
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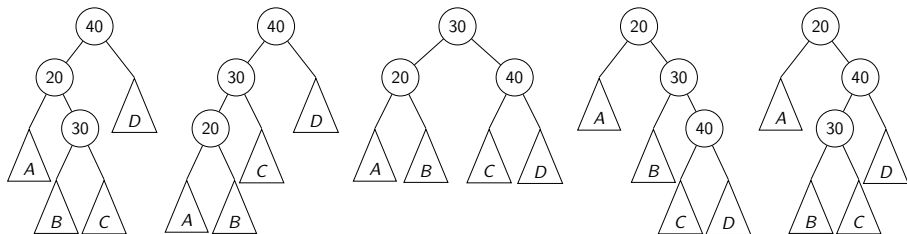
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Note: There are many different BSTs with the same keys.

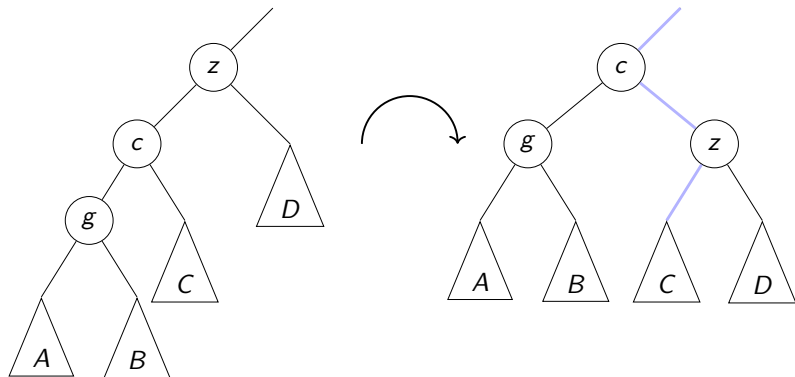


Goal: Change the *structure* locally without changing the *order*.

Longterm goal: Restructure such that the subtree becomes balanced.

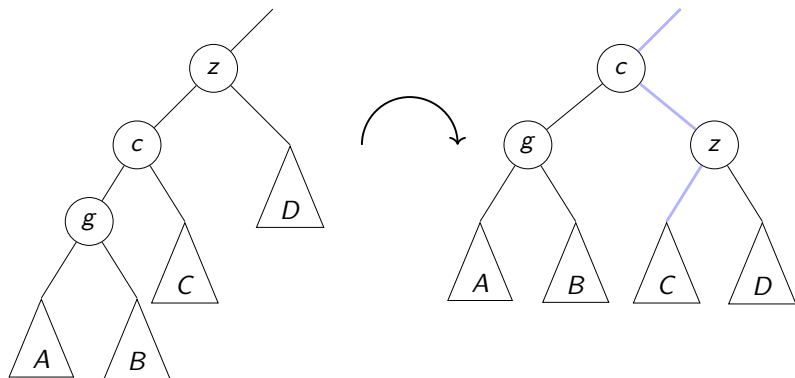
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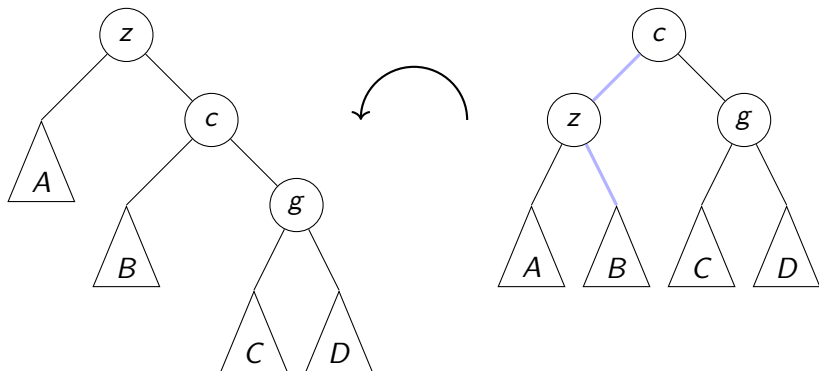
Right Rotation: Pseudocode

```
rotate-right(z)
1.   $c \leftarrow z.\text{left}$ 
2.  // fix links connecting to above
3.   $c.\text{parent} \leftarrow (p \leftarrow z.\text{parent})$ 
4.  if  $p = \text{NULL}$  then  $\text{root} \leftarrow c$  else
5.      if  $p.\text{left} = z$  then  $p.\text{left} \leftarrow c$  else  $p.\text{right} \leftarrow c$ 
6.  // actual rotation
7.   $z.\text{left} \leftarrow c.\text{right}$ ,  $c.\text{right}.\text{parent} \leftarrow z$ 
8.   $c.\text{right} \leftarrow z$ ,  $z.\text{parent} \leftarrow c$ 
9.  set-height-from-subtrees(z), set-height-from-subtrees(c)
10. return c    // returns new root of subtree
```

Run-time: $O(1)$

Left Rotation

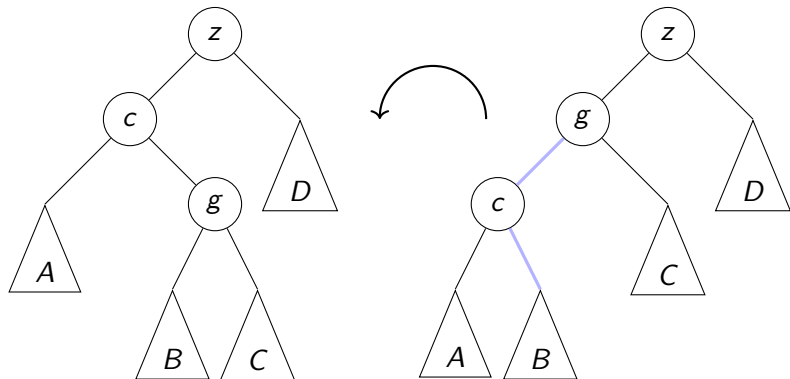
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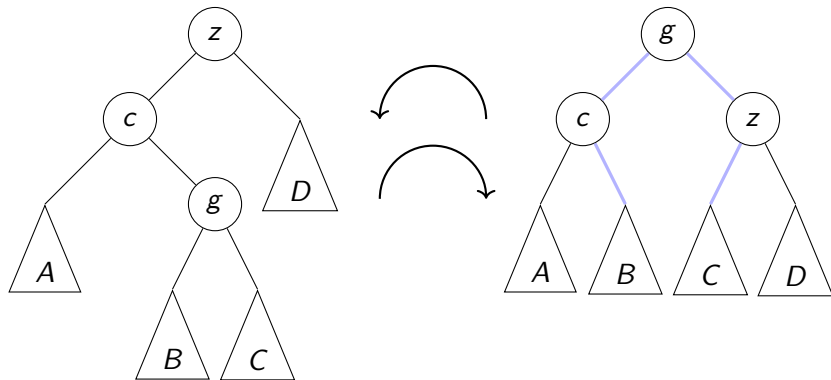
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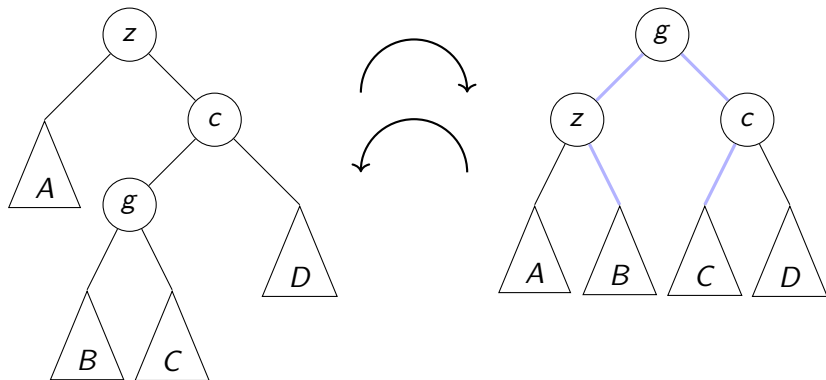


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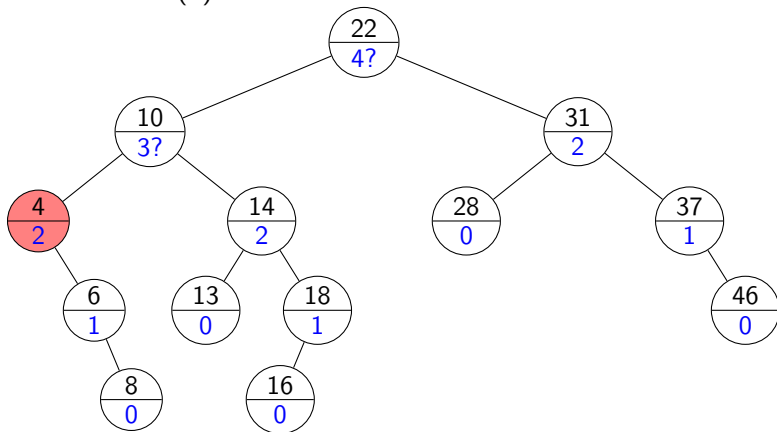
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- Imbalance at z : do (single or double) rotation
- Choose c as child where subtree has bigger height.

```
AVL::insert( $k, v$ )
1.  $z \leftarrow \text{BST::insert}(k, v)$            // new leaf with  $k$ 
2. while ( $z$  is not NULL)
3.     if ( $|z.\text{left}.\text{height} - z.\text{right}.\text{height}| > 1$ ) then
4.         Let  $c$  be taller child of  $z$ 
5.         Let  $g$  be taller child of  $c$  (so grandchild of  $z$ )
6.          $z \leftarrow \text{restructure}(g, c, z)$  // see later
7.         break           // can argue that we are done
8.      $\text{set-height-from-subtrees}(z)$ 
9.      $z \leftarrow z.\text{parent}$ 
```

Can argue: For insertion *one* rotation restores all heights of subtrees.

$\Rightarrow$ No further imbalances, can stop checking.

Fixing a slightly-unbalanced AVL tree

restructure(g, c, z)

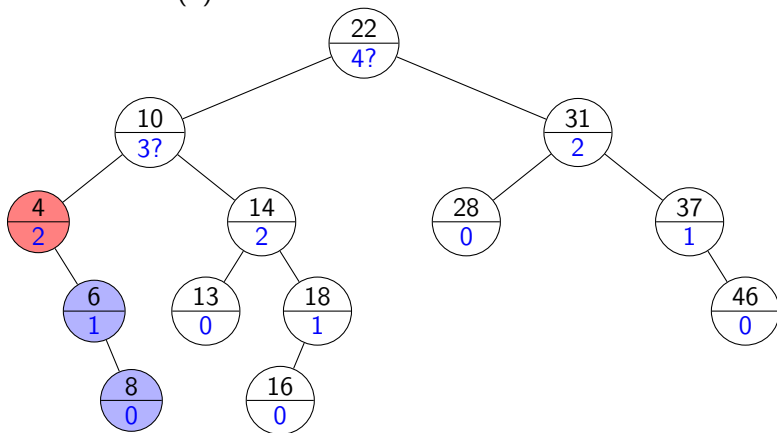
node g is child of c which is child of z

1. case
- | | | | |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| { |  | : | // Right rotation |
| | | | $u \leftarrow \text{rotate-right}(z)$ |
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Rule: The middle key of g, c, z becomes the new root.

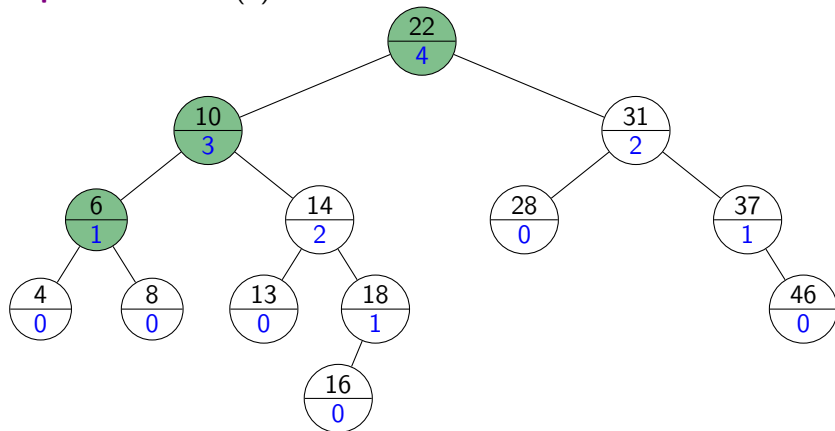
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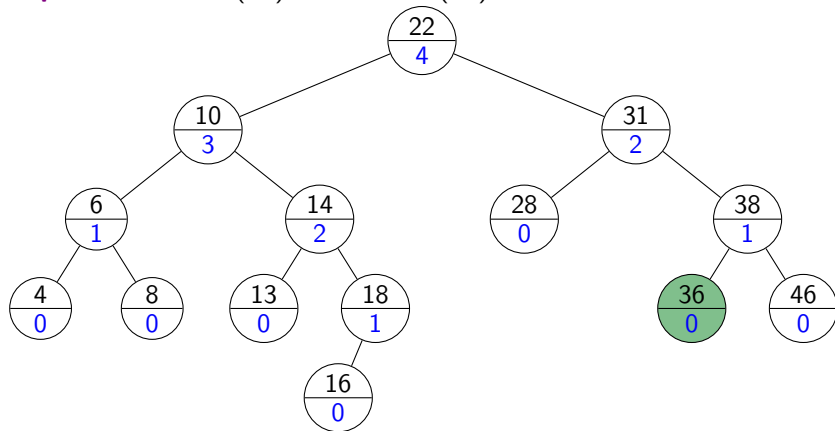
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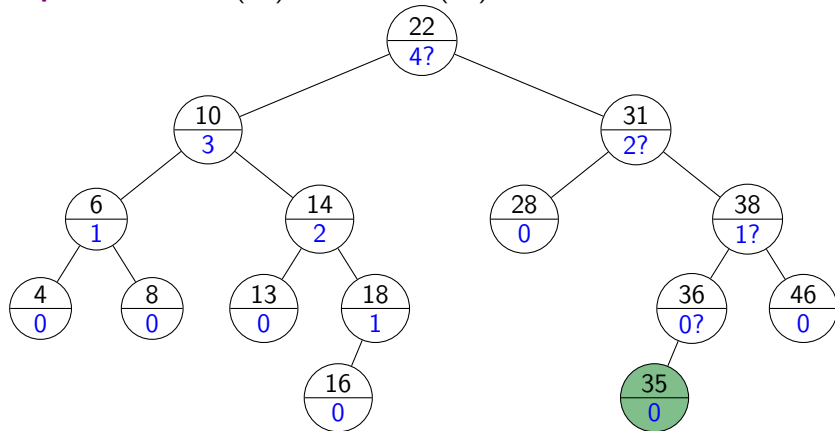
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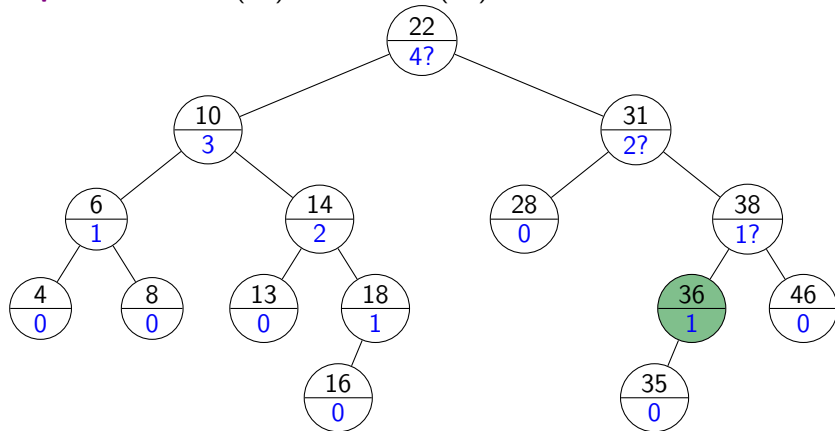
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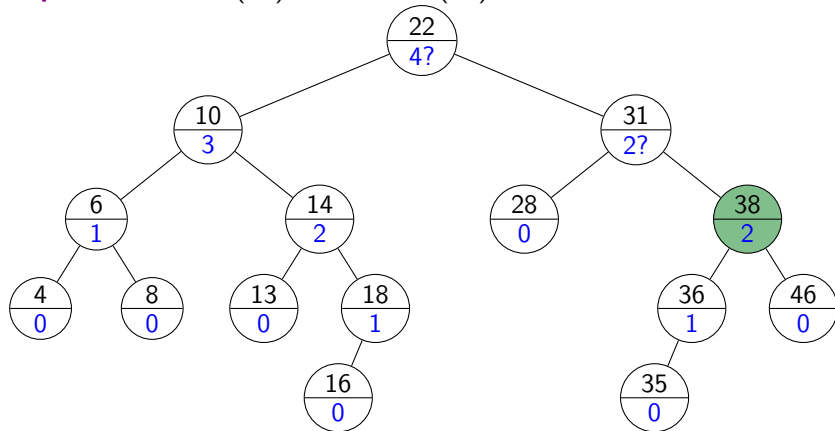
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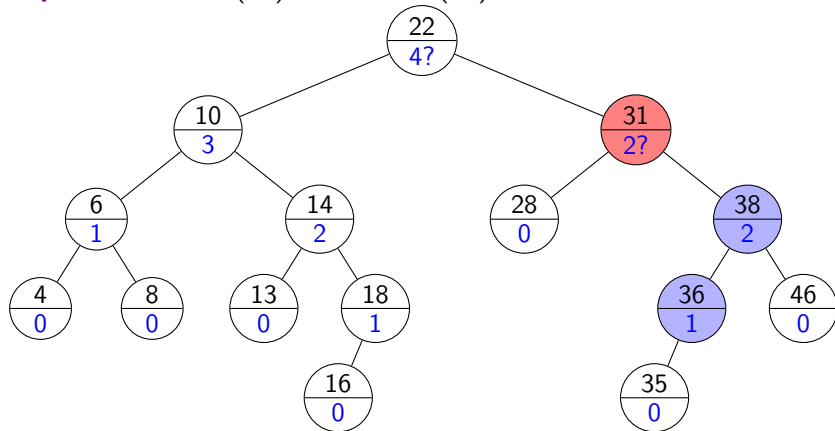
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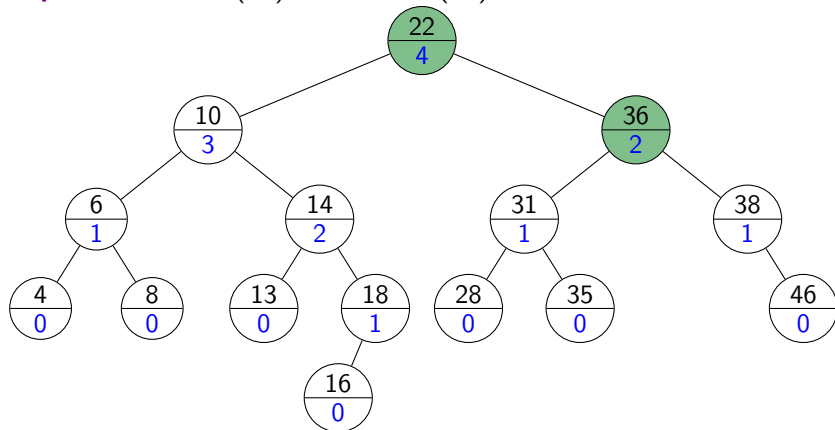
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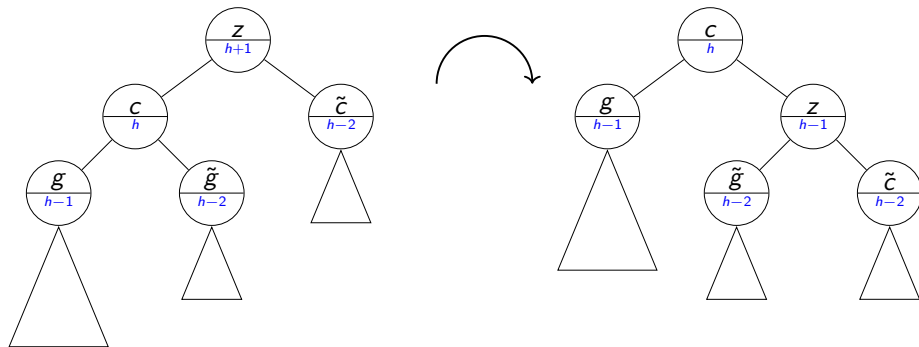


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Claim: If we perform *restructure*(g, c, z) during *AVL::insert*, then the returned subtree is balanced, and its height is restored.

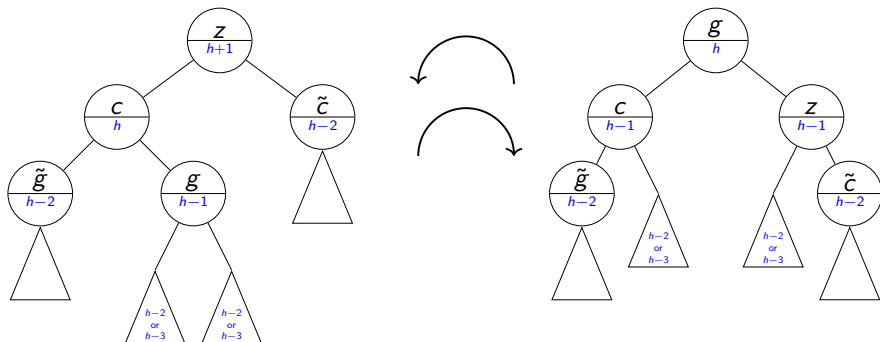
Proof: By symmetry, assume that c is the left child of z .

Case 1: g was the left child of c



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Case 2: g is the right child of c .



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- Lazy deletion wastes space; occasional operation is very slow.
- Most realizations actually can do *delete* directly; the course notes have details for AVL-trees.

AVL trees: Summary

search: Just like in BSTs, costs $\Theta(\text{height})$

insert: *BST::insert*, then check & update along path to new leaf

- total cost $\Theta(\text{height})$
- *restructure* will be called *at most once*.

delete: *BST::delete*, then check & update along path to deleted node
(we did not see details of how to do this)

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- *restructure* may be called $\Theta(\text{height})$ times.

Worst-case cost for all operations is $\Theta(\text{height}) = \Theta(\log n)$.

- In practice, the constant is quite large.
- Other realizations of ADT Dictionary are better in practice ($\rightarrow$ later)

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- Can we have balanced binary search trees *without* rotations?
(A later application will need such a tree.)
- This sounds impossible—we must sometimes restructure the tree.
- **Idea:** Rather than doing a small local change, occasionally rebuild an entire (large) subtree.
 - ▶ This feels a lot like lazy deletion and will be analyzed the same way.
- With the right setup, this will lead to $O(\log n)$ height and $O(\log n)$ **amortized** time for all operations.

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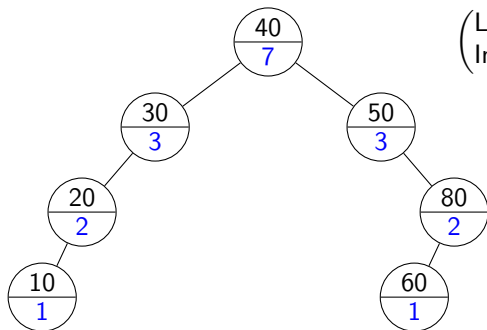
Fix a constant α with $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha < 1$. A **scapegoat tree** is a binary search tree with a **size-balance condition**:

The size at any non-root z is an α -fraction smaller than the size at its parent.

Rephrase: At any non-root node z we have

$$z.\text{size} \leq \alpha \cdot z.\text{parent.size}.$$

(Lower number = subtree-size.)
(In our examples, $\alpha = \frac{2}{3}$.)



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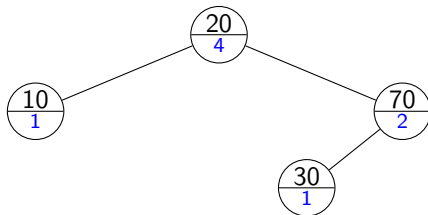
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- If condition does not hold: *rebuild entire subtree*
 - ▶ Let p be the *highest* node where condition is violated.
 - ▶ Rebuild entire subtree of p to be **perfectly size-balanced**:

$$|z.left.size - z.right.size| \leq 1 \text{ at all nodes } z$$

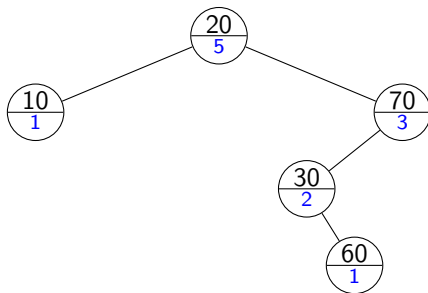
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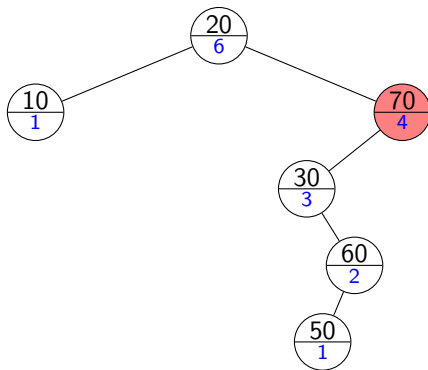
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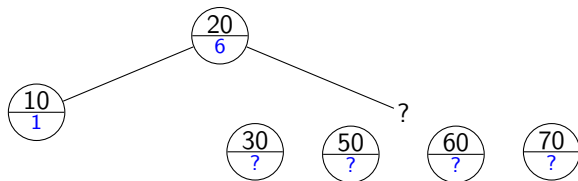
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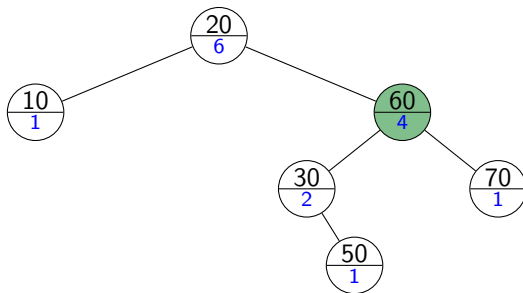
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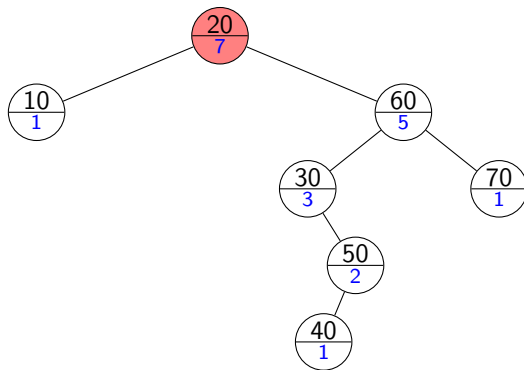
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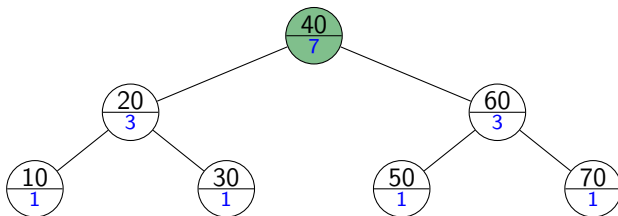
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scapegoatTree::insert( $k, v$ )
1.  $z \leftarrow BST::insert(k, v)$ 
2.  $S \leftarrow$  stack initialized with  $z$ 
3. while ( $p \leftarrow z.parent \neq \text{NULL}$ )    // update sizes, get path
4.     increase  $p.size$ 
5.      $S.push(p)$ 
6.      $z \leftarrow p$ 
7. while ( $S.size \geq 2$ )                  // size-condition violated?
8.      $p \leftarrow P.pop()$ 
9.     if ( $p.size < \alpha \cdot \max\{p.left.size, p.right.size\}$ )
10.        rebuild subtree at  $p$  into perfectly size-balanced tree
11.        return
```

- Rebuilding at p (line 10) can be done in $O(p.size)$ time (exercise).
- This restores scapegoat tree (we rebuild at the highest violation).

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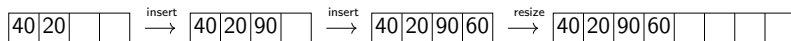
Instead, try to find an **amortized run-time bound**. Informally, this is a bound that holds if we add the run-times over operations $\mathcal{O}_1, \dots, \mathcal{O}_k$:

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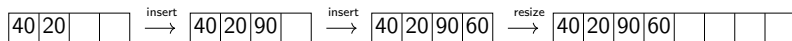


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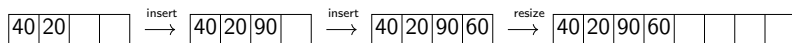
More systematic method: Use a **potential function**

- A function $\Phi(\cdot)$ that depends on the current status.
 - ▶ E.g.: $\Phi(t) = \max\{0, 2 \cdot \text{size} - \text{capacity}\}$ for dynamic arrays.
 - ▶ t ($\approx$ time) means “after executing t operations”
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(Nothing else required, but some functions give better amortized bounds than others.)

Steps of analysis via potential function

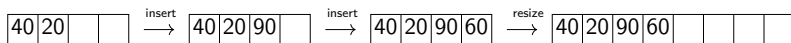
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 - ▶ Easy to show: $\sum_i T^{\text{actual}}(\mathcal{O}_i) \leq \sum_i T^{\text{amort}}(\mathcal{O}_i)$ holds.
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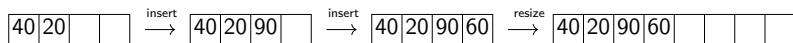
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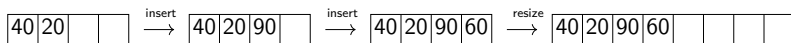
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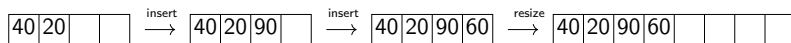
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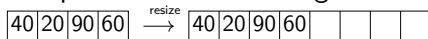
Result: The amortized run-time of dynamic arrays is $O(1)$.

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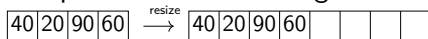
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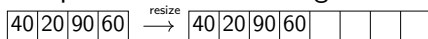
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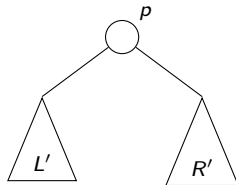
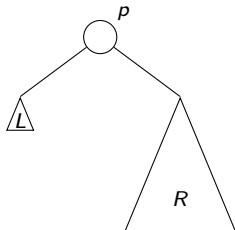
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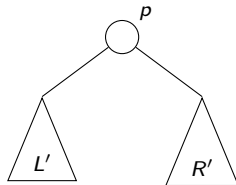
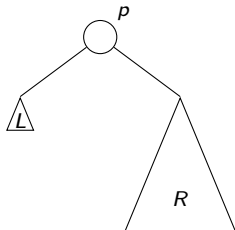
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Summary: Scapegoat trees realize ADT Dictionary with $O(\log n)$ amortized time for all operations and *no rotations*.